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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY LIQUOR CONTROL SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM UPON A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE AND PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE OPERATION OF SUCH SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the Governing Body of the City of Winston-Salem may on its own motion, and shall upon a petition to said governing body signed by at least ten per cent (10%) of the registered and qualified voters of the municipality, order an election to be held on the question of whether or not a city liquor control system may be operated in the City of Winston-Salem and if a majority of the votes cast in such election shall be for the operation of such a system, it shall be legal for liquor control stores to be set up and operated in said city, but if a majority of the votes cast in said election shall be against the operation of a city liquor control system, no such stores shall be set up or operated in said city under the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 2. In calling for such special liquor election, the said governing body shall give at least 20 days' public notice of the same prior to the opening of the registration books, and said registration books shall remain open for the same period of time before such special liquor election as is required by law for them to remain open for a regular election. A new registration of voters for such special liquor election shall not be necessary and all qualified electors who are properly registered prior to registration for the special election and those who register in said special election shall be entitled to vote in said election. In said election a ballot shall be used upon which shall be printed on separate lines for each proposition, "For City Liquor Control Stores", "Against City Liquor Control Stores". Those favoring setting up and operating liquor stores in the City of Winston-Salem shall mark in the voting square to the left of the words "For City Liquor Control Stores" printed on the ballot, and those opposed to a city liquor control store shall mark in the voting square to the left of the words "Against City Liquor Control Stores". Except as otherwise herein provided, the special election authorized shall be conducted under the same statutes, rules and regulations applicable to elections for members of the General Assembly. Absentee ballots may be used in the same manner and respect and under the same conditions as such ballots may be used in general elections for the election of State officers.

Sec. 3. If a subsequent election shall be held and at such election a majority of the votes shall be cast "Against City Liquor Control Stores", the city liquor control board shall within three months from the canvassing of such votes and the declaration of the result thereof, close said stores and shall thereafter cease to operate the same, and within said three months the governing body shall dispose of all alcoholic beverages on hand, all fixtures, and all other property in the hands and under the control of said governing body and convert the same into cash and turn the